Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

October 2009

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index decreased 0.3 percent between September 2009 and October 2009 while the Canada All-items Index declined 0.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index fell 0.2 percent and 0.2 percent, respectively, during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the October All-items Index decreased from September 2009 primarily due to lower prices for gasoline, property taxes (including special charges), and homeowners' home and mortgage insurance. Prices also fell for traveller accommodation, sugar and confectionery, dairy products, and women's clothing.

Moderating these decreases were higher prices for the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), and men's clothing. Prices also rose for footwear, fresh fruit, fresh or frozen chicken, and other food preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 0.3 percent between October 2008 and October 2009 while the Canada All-items Index increased 0.1 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 0.7 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The October All-items Index increased from October 2008 primarily due to higher prices for food purchased from restaurants, electricity, and rent. Prices also rose for prescribed medicines, homeowners' maintenance and repairs, mortgage interest cost, and passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs.

These increases were partially offset by lower costs for gasoline, natural gas, and the purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles. Prices also fell for property taxes (including special charges), housing (replacement) costs, recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles), and fuel oil and other fuels.

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ALL-ITEMS
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERCENT CHANGE
CANADA AND PROVINCES

	Percent Change	
	Sept. 2009 to Oct. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009
Canada	-0.1	0.1
Newfoundland	-0.5	-0.4
Prince Edward Island	-0.8	-0.8
Nova Scotia	-0.7	-0.4
New Brunswick	-0.2	0.5
Quebec	-0.1	0.5
Ontario	0.1	0.2
Manitoba	-0.1	0.1
Saskatchewan	-0.3	0.3
Alberta	0.1	0.1
British Columbia	-0.5	-0.6
Whitehorse	-0.3	-1.3
Yellowknife	-0.1	0.0
Iqaluit	-1.3	0.5

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
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PERCENT CHANGE
CANADIAN CITIES

	Percent Change	
	Sept. 2009 to Oct. 2009	Oct. 2008 to Oct. 2009
St. John's	-0.4	-0.1
Charlottetown-Summerside	-0.8	-0.7
Halifax	-0.8	-0.3
Saint John	0.1	0.8
Quebec City	-0.1	0.7
Montreal	-0.1	0.7
Ottawa	0.2	0.4
Toronto	0.3	0.3
Thunder Bay	-0.2	-0.6
Winnipeg	-0.1	0.0
Regina	-0.2	0.7
Saskatoon	-0.2	0.3
Edmonton	0.1	0.4
Calgary	0.2	0.1
Vancouver	-0.7	-0.6
Victoria	-0.4	-0.5
Whitehorse	-0.3	-1.3
Yellowknife	-0.1	0.0
Iqaluit	-1.3	0.5

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